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**** A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR, TEDD, KB8NW**: Because I will be attending the Dayton HamVention next weekend, there will not be a bulletin on May 19th (unless something major is announced). Since I missed an issue last weekend and will miss an issue next week, this week's bulletin is extra long to make up for it. Please continue to send your information ("you never know"), and I hope to see you/meet you at the HamVention or the NODXA Hospitality Suite (see Dayton Happenings below).

DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Monday, 5th/May, through Sunday, 11th/May there were 220 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 3X, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5T, 5U, 5V, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9U, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A6, A7, AP, BV, BY, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D4, DL, DU, E4, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FO/m, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HC, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J5, J6, J8, JA, JD/m, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH3, KH6, KH9, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PY, PZ, S2, S5, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T7, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TL, TR, TT, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9C, VK9L, VK9N, VP2E, VP2V, VP5, VP8/h, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XW, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD8, ZD9, ZF, ZK1/s, ZK2, ZL, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations. As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

7P, LESOTHO (Update). A sixth operator has joined **July's** week-long 7P8 Lesotho DXpedition. That will give the group even more expertise on CW and digital mode operations. The newest operator to join the group is Igor Zdorov, W0IZ, of Minneapolis, MN. Look for **7P8CF** and **7P8TA** to be the main phone ops, while **7P8MJ**, **7P8NK**, and **7P8DA**, **7P8IZ** will be mostly CW and digital modes. This all modes, all band operation is under the aegis of the Texas DX Society and the **Lone Star DX Association**. QSL routes for **July 18-25th** 7P8 DXpedition are as follows:

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7P8CF--K5LBU--Frosty        7P8NK--VA7DX--Neil
7P8TA--WW5L--Tom            7P9DA--K4SV--Dave
7P8MJ--W5MJ--Madison        7P8IZ--W0IZ--Igor
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QSL each call individually since there won't be a main DXpedition callsign. A web page will be announced later. ADDED NOTE: K4SV and VA7DX will also be operating from 3DA after 7P8, but callsigns have not been issued yet. AGAIN NOTE (Please): This is a different operation from the "African Double Jump" at: http://www.qsl.net/xu7aay/africa/

AL1, ALASKA. Operators Corliss/AL1G, Francis/KL7FH, William/KL7Z and Kyle/AL7J will be active in the **CQ WPX CW Contest** as **AL1G**. The entry is Multi/??. QSL via AC7DX.

BALLOON EXPERIMENT RESCHEDULE (Update from OPDX.609). The Italian Amateur Radio Society - Milano Chapter (Associazione Radioamatori Italiani - Sezione di Milano) has rescheduled their ARBE (Amateur Radio Balloning Experiment) to **May 17th** due to weather conditions. Look for **IQ2MI/p**, on 144.300 MHz +/- QRM USB starting at about 0800-0900z. Flight should be 1-3 hours long. If delayed again, they will try again on May 18th. For the latest updates about the ARBE event, please visit the ARI Milano Website at: http://www.arimi.it/rubriche/arbe.html

C6, BAHAMAS. Operators Frederick/K9VV and Calvin/K6CT will be active as **C6AKU** during the **CQWW WPX CW Contest** (**May 24-25th**) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via K9VV.

CANADIAN SPECIAL PREFIXES. Just a reminder that Industry Canada has authorized the use of "Special Event Prefixes" to celebrate the 5**0th Anniversary of the National Library of Canada** between **May 24th and July 27th**. This means that the special prefixes will be available for use in the upcoming **CQ WPX CW Contest** (**May 24-25th**). The special prefixes are as follows: **CK** for all VE's, **CJ** for all VA's, **CY** for all VO's and **CZ** for all VY's.

CASTLE ACTIVITY.....

- **EUROPEAN CASTLES DAY** will take place on **May 18th**. Look for a lot of castle activity on all HF and VHF bands from France, Italy, Belgium, Spain and Portugal. All contacts will count for the National Castles Awards.
- (Update to OPDX.609). Members of the "Clube Radioamadores do Entroncamento", who are expected to be active as **CS7AL** on **May 31st** from **Castel Alcanede**, will now be active on 40/20 meters CW/SSB/DIGITAL. QSL via CT1BXE.
- Francois, F5JNE, will be active from the French Castle of **Maligny**. Reference number DFCF 89226 (contacts also count for French Department Yonne - 89 and Province Burgundy). Activity will be on 40 and 20 meters SSB, starting about 0600z. QSL via bureau preferred.

- On Sunday, **May 18th**, members of the Association des Radio Amateurs des Cotes d'Armor (ARACA 22) will be active from the **Cap Frehel Lighthouse** as **F6KBO/p**. Activity will be between 0630-1600z on the HF and VHF bands. References numbers are: WAZ 14, ITU 27, French provinces - Brittany, French Departments - Cotes d'Armor/22, and for the Onshore French lighthouses Award (DPLF) - PB087. QSL via F6KBO through the French Bureau.

CU, AZORES. Goran, SM4DHF, will be active as **CU2/SM4DHF** in the **CQ World Wide DX CW Contest** (**November 29-30th**) as a Single-Op/Single Band (20m) entry. QSL via SM4DHF.

DAYTON HAMVENTION HAPPENINGS.....

- **DX FORUM**. Moderator Jay, K4ZLE, states, "This should be one of the better DX forums in recent history." The scheduled speakers and presentations are as follows:
    - Bernie McClenny, W3UR, on the AH3D story
    - Al Hernandez, K3VN - ZL7C story
    - Wayne Mills, N7NG - ARRL DXCC update
    - Tedd Mirgliotta, KB8NW - Northern Ohio DX Association Award presentation (2002 DXpedition of the Year)
- The **Northern Ohio DX Association** (along with WVNO Radio) will once again sponsor a **Hospitality Suite** at this year's Dayton Hamvention. This year's Hospitality Suite will be dedicated to the memory of one of NODXA's "Silent Key" club members Jim Hire, W8ZET. Jim loved ham radio and enjoyed meeting his friends from around the world each year at Dayton. He was also a NODXA "Honorary Life Member" and was very involved with NODXA and the Hospitality Suite. This year Jim's wife, Janeen (now a new ham - KC8VRS, not KC8BRS as first reported and soon to be W8ZET ...) has decided to keep the tradition going and will provide some special memorabilia of Jim at the Hospitality Suite. Please stop by and visit. It will be in Suite 1011 on the 10th Club Floor of the Crowne Plaza Hotel (old Stouffers) on Friday and Saturday evenings. All DXers and Contesters are welcome. Munchies and refreshments will be avaialble. Come and meet the members and friends of NODXA.

DXCC NEWS.....

- Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL DXCC Manager, informs OPDX that the following operations have been approved for DXCC credit:
    - **Afghanistan**: **YA1BV, YA1CQ** and **YA1JA** -- (November 14, 2002 through March 31, 2003).
    - **Uganda**: **5X1CW** -- (License renewed through March 1, 2004).
    - **Nepal**: **9N7DX** -- (April 22, 2003 through June 19, 2003).
    - **Market Reef**: **OJ0/OE1ZKC, OJ0/JH1ARJ, OJ0/AH7X** and **OJ0/JR4PMX** (July 12-16, 2001)
- Looks like the **ARRL 2002 DXCC Yearbook** is out. Many have begun to receive them. Be watching the mailbox for it (Your editor has not received his yet!). The DXCC yearbook is sent free if you are or were a member of ARRL as of September 30, 2002, and made a DXCC submission between October 1, 2001, and September 30, 2002. If you did not submit anything, you will still get one free if you are on the DXCC Honor Roll. If you are NOT a member of ARRL and would like to have one, we believe details are

available on the ARRL Web page on how to order one. Yearbook is 5 USD plus shipping.

- **INTERESTING NOTE**: Gary Stilwell, KI6T, reports: "At the Visalia International DX Convention this past weekend (May 3-4th), the DXCC QSL card checkers processed 85 DXCC applications which included 8,660 QSL cards.

DXING/CONTESTING WEB SITE/NEWLETTER. Zrinko, DL/VE3ZIK (4N1DX), informs OPDX that he is administrator of the Web site at: http://www.contesting.info He states, "We publish fresh DX/Contest news and QSL infos EVERY DAY. Also, at the end of the month we send QSL info bulletin to our subscribers." If one wants to subscribe to their QSL info Bulletin... please send an E-mail to: zik@contesting.info

FS, ST. MARTIN. Look for Craig, AH8DX, will be active as **FS/AH8DX** during the **CQWW SSB Contest** as a Single-Op/All Band entry. QSL via CBA.

HC, ECUADOR. Andy, NP3D, will be heading back to HC-Land on **May 18th** to celebrate his birthday. He will be there **until May 26th**. Also, he will be joined by Alexandro/HC1AJQ and Taka San/JA2JPA. They will try to activate **SA-033** at this time. They will have a generator, ICOM-706MKIIG and dipoles. The schedule is as follows:

- **May 18th** - Celebrating Andy's 44th birthday.
- **May 19-20th** - **HC1/NP3D** and **HC1/JA2JPA** QTH on the Mountain at 11,000 ft ASL near Quito.
- **May 21-23rd** - IOTA **SA-033** as **HC4/Homecalls**.
- **May 24-25th** - **CQ WPX CW** as **HC4/NP3D** on 80 meters.

IOTA NEWS.....

- **AF-018**. Look for OL5Y to be active from **Pantelleria Island** during the **CQ World Wide DX CW Contest** (**November 29-30th**), either as **IH9/OL5Y** or **IH9P** and as a Single-Op/Single Band (40m)/ High Power entry. QSL via OK1MG.
- **AF-083**. Look for Francois, F8DVD, to be active from **Djerba Island**, Tunisia, using the callsign of the Djerba Scouts Radio Club, **3V8SM**, from **June 23rd to July 4th**. Activity will be on the HF bands, SSB. By special permision of Mustapha, DL1BDF, who's the coordinator for Scout Radio Clubs organization in Tunisia, all the cards for Francois' QSOs will go to him, either direct or via the French Bureau. Please write "via F8DVD/71" on the cards going through the bureau. For direct cards please send a SAE and the correct return postage. All the direct cards with insufficient return postage due will be answered by the bureau. Send direct cards to: Francois Bergez, 6 rue Liberte, 71000 MACON, FRANCE.
- **AS-024**. Operators Kaoru/JA3MCA, Aru/JA0KNM, Jun/JJ1EQW and Kai/JE3NJZ will be active as **homecall/JR6** respectively from **Hateruma Island**, Yaeyama Archipelago, **Okinawa**, from **June 6-9th**. Their activity will be on CW/SSB and on 40-2 meters. Please QSL via their home callsigns by the Bureau or direct. Hateruma Island is known as the inhabited island in the south end of JA-land.
- **AS-073**. Tex, 9M2TO will be active as **9M2TO/P** from **Perhentian Island**, **May 15-18th**. Using an IC-706 plus a G5RV, Tex will be active on 40-10 meters, including the WARC bands. QSL 100% AUTOMATICALLY through the Bureau via JA0DMV.
- **AS-074**. Ian, **9M2/G3TMA**, will be operating from **Pulau Ketam** from **May 14-18th**. Operations will be on CW and some SSB. Callsign will be 9M2/G3TMA. QSL address

is: Ian Buffham, Bekay Court, Lorong Enau, (off Jalan Ampang), 55000 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

- **AS-107**. Champ, E21EIC, will be active as **E21EIC/P** in the **RSGB IOTA Contest** in July from **Si Chang Island**. He will use a dipole antenna and 100 watts. QSL via E21EIC
- **AS-147**. Takeshi, JI3DST, will be active as **JI3DST/8** from **Okushiri Island** (Okushiri-cho Okushiri-gun Hokkaidou) starting at 0700z, **July 25th** through 0000z, **August 3rd**. Activity will be on 40/17/15/12/10/6 meters SSB. QSL via the Bureau ONLY.
- **EU-004**. Peter, DL8YR, will be active as **EA6/DL8YR/p** from **Mallorca Island**, **May 14-28th**. Activity will be mostly on CW on all bands including an entry in the **WPX Contest** on CW.
- **EU-008**. Bob/N5ET with XYL Linda/KE5TF and Peter/GM3OFT are expected to be active on **May 31st** as **MM/N5ET/P** from **Raasay Island** (IOSA NH-10, SCOTIA CN-24, Loc. IO67xi). Activity will be for 5 hours starting around 0900z. Activity will be on 40/20/15 meters, following propagation. Send direct QSLs (EU-only) via GM3OFT, all other areas via N5ET or bureau.
- **EU-080**. A multi-national team (CT1APE, CT1CJJ, CT1EEB, CT1ILT, CT2GLO, EA1CA, EA1DKV, EA4ABE, EA4ST, EA5FX and N5KO with the close help of EA1MC) will be active during the **IOTA Contest** from **Ons Island** as **ED1ONS**. The Team will be on Ons from **July 25-27th**. A Web page will be set up very soon (online logs will be available) at: http://www.qsl.net/ed1ons/ Also, the team wants to know your needs for EU-080 so they can set an operating plan for outside of the contest hours. Send your feedback to: ct1eeb@mail.telepac.pt QSL via ED4URJ: Seccion Comarcal Ure Jarama, P.O. Box 123, 28700 San Sebastian de los Reyes (MADRID), SPAIN. Cards can be send Direct or via Bureau. PLEASE NOTE: A station will also be active on 50, 144 and 432 MHz.
- **NA-057**. Raymound, WQ7R, will be active as **HQ9R** from **Roatan Island, Honduras**, in the **CQ World Wide DX SSB Contest** (**October 25-26th**) as a Single-Op/All Band/Low Power entry. QSL via N6FF.
- **NA-067**. Ken, W8KL, will be active from the **North Carolina State East Group** between **May 18-22nd**. This will be a "Mobile Operating Position" using a FT-100D/Hamstick Mobile Antenna. Look for him on SSB on 14260 kHz +/- QRM during the afternoons/evenings (East Coast Time), if band conditions are good. He will also try during the mornings for JA/VK stations. Ken states, "If Bands Are Dead There's A Nice Beach There!!!" QSL via the Bureau or direct (QRZ.com OK).
- **NA-144**. Tom, WA6WPG, will be active as **WA6WPG/P** from **San Miguel Island**, **July 25-27th**. Activity will be on 40-10 meters and include the **RSGB IOTA Contest** (**July 26-27th**) as a Single-Op. Tom will have a solar panel in addition to his battery and plans to be operating at least 24 hours. QSL via his home callsign.
- **OC-NEW**. Members of the Mediterraneo DX Club (YC3DIK, YC3MM, YC3BDJ and YC3BCS) and possibly others plan to activate **Pisang Island**, a new IOTA in the Sumatra's Coastal Islands South Group. All operators will sign **homecall/5** and activity will start around 1200z **May 11th** and end **May 17th**. Activity will be on 80/40/15/10 meters SSB. QSL all callsigns via IZ8CCW, direct or bureau. Their web page is at: http://www.mdxc.org/southsumatra/
- **SA-024**. Members of the LABRE/SP (Liga Amadoristica Brasileira de Radio Emissao in Sao Paulo's) will activate **Comprida Island** (DIB 021), **May 17-18th**. Their callsign will be **PV2AA**. Activity will be on 160-2 meters CW/SSB/FM. QSL via PY2AA: Caixa Postal 22, Sao Paulo/SP, CEP 01059-970, Brasil. "The main objective of the PV2AA

Comprida Island Expedition is the educational approach, with University - Ham integration. Teachers and students of journalism from UNICID (Universidade Cidade de Sao Paulo) will be following the expeditionaries, making one institutional video, interviews, and stay more closed with basic ham radio DX activitie."

- **SA-042**. UPDATE to OPDX.599. Operators PT7BI/Daniel, PT2GTI/Stuckert, LU1YU/Helmult, PY8BI/Marcelo, CT1EEN/Samuel and PY8EA/Rocha, will be active from **Mexiana Island**, **May 21-25th**, using the callsign **ZW8M**. QSL via CS1GDX. For more details, visit the Web page at: http://geocities.yahoo.com.br/mexianaisland/
- **SA-082**. Pedro, HK3JJH, will be active from **Morro Grande** from **June 3-8th**. There was no callsign provided, but activity will be on all the bands (mostly 20m). He also mentions that there is a lighthouse (WLH- LH-0404) on the island. QSL cards are only by direct to: P.O. Box 81119, Bogota, Colombia, SA (Postage is 2 USD, any help is welcome)

IU3, ITALY. Operator Andy, IV3SKB, informs OPDX that he will use the special callsign **IU3X** in the **CQ WPX CW Contest** as a Single-Op/Single Band (40m)/High Power entry. His Web page is at: http://www.qsl.net/iv3skb/

J75, DOMINICA. George, K5KG, will be active as **J75KG** between **May 20-29th**. Activity is planned for the HF bands CW/SSB and an entry in the **CQ WPX CW Contest** (**May 24-25th**) using the **J75A** callsign. QSL via KU9C. George is currently working to help local hams get on the air. A request has gone out, asking for donations of small rigs or HTs. You can contact George via E-mail at: k5kg@arrl.net

KH9, WAKE ISLAND. This may be the last week to work Jake on Wake as **N6XIV/KH9**. He has been active on most days on 20 meters (around 14265 kHz between 0730-0915z. His QSL Manager Glenn, K2FF, informed OPDX that Jake was expected to install a Force-12 tribander C3SS last week which was left behind by Chuck Brady (N4BQW/KH9) and will be used by both operators when there.

LIGHTHOUSE ACTIVITY.....

- Members of the Michigan DX Association (MDXA) will activate both **Grand Havens South Pierhead Inner** (USA-1077) and **Outer Lighthouses** (USA-1078), **August 16-17th**. They will use their club callsign **W8DXI**. The lighthouses are located in **Ottawa County, Michigan**, Loc. EN63ub. More details are forthcoming.
- Members of the Michigan DX Association (MDXA) will activate the **Historic Grand Haven (Main) Lighthouse** (USA-327) on the shores of **Lake Michigan** (**Ottawa County**, Loc. EN63ub), **August 17-18th**. More details are forth- coming.
- Operators Klaus/DF3GL, Gregor/DL1BFE and Uwe/DL3BJ will activate the offshore **Lighthouse "Roter Sand"** (red sand), **July 10-14th**, using the the club callsign **DA0LRS**. The lighthouse carries the amateur radio related numbers FED 019 for the ARLHS, and WLH 0396 for the World Lighthouse Award and DLD/GLA 44. Activity will be on all bands CW/SSB.
- The Tandil Radio Club (LU2EE) announced that the next operations for commemorating the start of "Mistongo DX Tandil Group (GMDXT)", will be from the Lighthouses of **CLAROMECO and SEGUNDA BARRANCA**:
    - From **May 31st to June 1st**, they will activate Lighthouse **CLAROMECO** (ARG 014), on all bands and modes. Operators are: LU5DIT/D, LW5EE/D, LU6DLB/D,

LU8EXJ/D, LU8ERH/D and LU3DR/D. QSL via direct to LU2EE with SASE, or via the Bureau operator's home callsign.
    - Between **June 13-16th**, they will activate (first time ever) the Lighthouse **SEGUNDA BARRANCA** (ARG 067), on all bands and modes. Operators are: LU5DIT/D , LW5EE/D, LU6DLB/D, LU8EXJ/D, LU8ERH/D, LU8EGS/D and LU3DR/D. QSL via direct to LU2EE with SASE, or via the Bureau operator's home callsign. Visit the following Web sites at: http://www.qsl.ne/lu2ee/ and http://usuarios.tripod.es/mistongo/

NCDXF PRESS RELEASE. Al Burnham, K6RIM, V.P. Northern California DX Foundation, reports: Effective immediately, the Northern California DX Foundation (NCDXF) has a new and greatly improved web site. Check it out at: http://www.ncdxf.org/index.html

P4, ARUBA. Scott, K0DQ, will be active from Jacky's, **P43P**, QTH during the **CQ WW WPX CW Contest** (**May 24-25th**) as **P41P** and as a Single-Op/All Band/High Power entry. QSL via Mario, I2MQP. Look for some **P40Q** operations before/after contest.

POLISH SPECIAL EVENTS.....

- Special event station **HF6UE** will be active **now though June 10th**. This station is active to celebrate the signing of the **European Community Accession Agreement** by Poland. The suffix UE means UNIA EUROPEJSKA (European Union in English). This activity is organized by the SP6ZDA club station. QSL via SP6ZDA, via the bureau (the best) or direct to: Scouts Radio Club SP6ZDA, P.O. Box 41, 51-673 Wroclaw 9, Poland.
- Special memorial operation will be taking place in the coming months to commemorating **Ignacy Lukasiewicz**, the Polish petroleum pioneer who distilled crude oil and designed kerosene lamps to light up the operating theatre in the hospital in Lvov on 31 July 1853. He is the founder of the petroleum industry (Award: http://www.ot5.cq.pl). "This lotion is the future wealth of this country, it's the welfare and prosperity for its inhabitants, it's a new source of income for the poor people and a new branch of industry, which shall bear plentiful fruits." -- Ignacy Lukasiewicz, 1854 Look for the following special event stations:
    - **Now thru June 30th** - **HF8IL** (via SP8PJG) Ignacy Lukasiewicz: founder of the petroleum industry
    - **July 1st-August 15th** - **HF150IL** (via SP8PJG) Ignacy Lukasiewicz: distilled kerosene, designed lamps and illuminated an operating theatre in a hospital (1853)
    - **July 25th-August 4th** - **3Z0IL** (via SP8ZBX), SN0IL (via SP9PEE), EN3WLL (via UR4WXQ) Ignacy Lukasiewicz memorial stations (Award: www.ot5.cq.pl)
    - **August 20th- September 10th** - **HF8IL** (via SP8PJG) Ignacy Lukasiewicz: founder of the petroleum industry

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- **8TH AREA QSL BUREAU ADDRESS CHANGE**: Great Lakes Director Jim Weaver, K8JE, informs OPDX that effective May 1st, the address for the 8th Area Incoming QSL Bureau will be changed to: W8 QSL Bureau, PO Box 307, W Chester, OH 45071-0307. Also, Jay Slough, K4ZLE, has been named to replace Ed Gassman, N8HTT, who has managed the 8th Area QSL Bureau for several years and is retiring.
- **9K2ZZ OPERATIONS**. Ray, W8CNL, reports he received the following from Bob,

9K2ZZ. Ray states, "He (Bob) is going to be spending the majority of his time in YI and A9. I ask about logs, cards, etc. He informed me that all requests for confirmations go to the LOTW. This includes the past K4CY/P and K4CY/M operations from Iraq. These are his wishes. I am starting to get cards for K4CY/M. Do not waste your money as I do not have logs or cards. I do have all the 9K2ZZ and 9K9Z logs and plenty of cards. Direct only to me with SASE or SAE and postage. Some countries tell me they can not get IRC's. I accept a ruble, franc, lira, mark, etc." Ray's address is: Raymond H. McClure, 5 McKenzie Circle, North Augusta, S.C. 29841-4319

- Members of CW-Philippines Club were active from Mindoro Island (OC-244) on May 1-3rd as **DX1CW**. QSL via VE7DP.
- Frank, VE7DP, provides OPDX with the QSL info for the recent IOTA activations from the Philippines:

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4G6A  OC-125 via VE7DP       4H1LC OC-244 via VE7DP or DX1CW
DX4CN OC-202 via VE7DP
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Frank states he has several listed addresses, but the preferred one is: General Delivery, Winfield B.C. Canada V4V 1M6

- Special event station **EO58G** was active from May 5-11th to commemorate the 58th anniversary of the end of World War II. QSL via UR3GM, via the Bureau (Box 56, Kiev 01001, Ukraine) or direct to: Igor Pulin, Box 23, Kherson 73022, Ukraine.
- Phil, G4OBK, has recently returned from his **GD4OBK/P** Isle of Man operation (Saturday, May 3rd) and made 1159 QSOs in 20 hours of operating. A log search and report is available at the following Web page: http://www.qsl.net/g4obk/ QSL route is via his home callsign G4OBK. His address is: Phil Catterall, Wayside, Lendales Lane, Pickering, YO18 8EE, England.
- **K1B QSL STATUS**. Dave, K4SV, "K1B North America QSL Administrator", reports: "So far we have processed ~11,000 QSOs and ~2300 cards. Please contact Stephen, K4YL, at < K4YL@arrl.net > if you have any special requests (Please note his new E-mail address). Stephen will do all he can to help in obtaining K1B QSL cards. Please remember Stephen only handles DIRECT requests, NO bureau cards please.

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Our goal is to get everyone QSLed for K1B who has not received their cards. Any small donations will be gratefully accepted towards printing cards, printing supplies and postage. Please remember: USA send SASE, DX send SAE, one Green Stamp preferred or one LARGE IRC accepted."

- **COLLECTION OF OLD QSLS**. Jean-Michel, F6AJA, from Les Nouvelles DX informs OPDX that more than 1000 old QSL in five different galleries are waiting your visit on the web site: http://LesNouvellesDX.free.fr
- It was announced that Mac, W3HC, will handle the cards for the **PT5T** operation of November 2001 conducted by CT1BOH. Cards are being designed now.
- QSL **RA3AR** (ex-RV3AKU) via: Dmity K. Darkov, 115211, Moscow, ul. Borisovskie prudy 10-1-108, RUSSIA.
- **T9 CALLBOOK**. Nenad, VE3EXY, reports that a T9 (Bosnia-Herzegovina) callbook is

available online at: http://www.t93y.com

- June, VK4SJ, has been active as **ZK1AYL** for about two weeks from the Aitutaki Group (**OC-083**), **Southern Cook Islands**, as **ZK1AYL**. QSL to her home callsign VK4SJ. By the way, she was heard on 10 meters begging for QSOs as this was being typed up Sunday.
- **XQ6ET UPDATE**. George, W8UVZ, provides OPDX with an update mentioned in issue OPDX.609 regarding Bob, XQ6ET, and his becoming his QSL Manager. George has now ordered the QSL cards and expects them in 4-5 weeks. Bob is loading all his QSOs into a logging program which they hope to soon transfer to George. Also, Bob has been without high power on the low bands - particularly 160 meters. A small group in Battle Creek (ala the "Battle Creek Special" guys) are in the process of shipping an amp to XQ6ET. In addition, to the cost of the amp, they will have air freight expense to Chile and will have about 600 USD total into the project when Bob receives the amp. So, if you would like to help out in the cost, any donations are accepted no matter what the amount is with or without QSL requests, to help fund the amp for XQ6ET. W8UVZ would be glad to receive your donations and confirm good QSOs with XQ6ET.
- **XY1M QSL STATUS**. OPDX was asked to find out if anyone has received their QSL cards for Hiroo's operation in Myanmar last November. If you received one let us know.
- Wayne Carroll, W4MPY, wants it to be known that he will furnish QSLs at no charge to Military personnel deployed to Kuwait and Iraq if the quantities are reasonable and there is a stateside shipping address. Wayne states, "I feel they have sacrificed a lot for all of us and that is the least I can do to say THANK YOU!"
- **Z32AF NEW QSL MANAGER**. Please note Arthur, N8RKA, is the new QSL Manager for Venci, Z32AF. His address is: Arthur Barbetta, 2395 Liberty Rd, Stow OH 44224, USA. E-mail: n8rka@yahoo.com

RL1, RUSSIA (Special Prefix). Radio amateurs from Sankt Petersburg, Russia, are celebrating the 300th anniverary of their city. Look for 21 stations to be on the air from Sankt Petersburg now through May 31st.

R300SP via RU1AE (RZ1AWT)
RL1A via RA1AG
RL1B via RU1AB
RL1C via RV1CC
RL1D via OH5ZZ (UA1DJ)
RL1F via RU1AS
RL1G via RA1AR
RL1J via RZ1AWF
RL1K via UA9KG/1
RL1L via RZ1AYA
RL1M via UA1ANA
RL1N via RA1ABC
RL1O via RZ1AWO
RL1P via RZ1AP
RL1Q via RV1AQ
RL1R via RA1ALA
RL1S via UA1AES
RL1T via RX1CQ
RL1U via RA1AOL
RL1W via RW1AI
RL1X via RX1AX

S9, SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE. Duarte, CT1CPP, is now active as **S92UN**. He is now active on 12/15/17/40 meters with dipole antennas. Watch around 7067- 7074, 14260-14270, 18126-18130 and 21260-21270 kHz starting around 2100z. Duarte asks to please be patient with his answering of the QSL cards, because he can only answer them when he returns to Portugal. QSL via CT1CPP (QRZ.com): Antonio Duarte Prates Bebiano, Estrada dos 4 Marcos No. 17, Sarilhos Grandes, 2870 Montijo, Portugal. Duarte is expected to be here for **about 3 months**.

SOMETHING OF INTEREST ON THE WEB. There was a story on NPR's "Talk of the Nation" on April 30th about Ham Radio. Visit the following Web page at: http://discover.npr.org/rundowns/segment.jhtml?wfId=3D1248508

SPECIAL EVENT. Special event station **HF25KVW** is active **until July 31st** in commemoration of the **25th anniversary of the SP5KVW Radio Club** in Ostroleka. QSL via SP5KVW, either via the bureau or direct to: Radioklub SP5KVW, P.O. Box 56, 07-410 Ostroleka, Poland. Their Web page is at: http://www.sp5kvw.prv.pl/

SPECIAL EVENT. For the next **2003 French Mills Day**, on **June 15th**, look for Andre, F5PEZ, to be active using the callsign **TM1JNM**. Activity will be on the HF bands, mainly SSB. QSL via Andre, F5PEZ, either direct or via the French Bureau.

SPECIAL EVENT. The year **2003** is the **European Disabled Persons Year**. Look for operators Domi/F5PTI, Alain/F6ANA and Joel/F8DCZ are now active using the special callsign **TM5I** until **May 17th**. On May **18th**, they will use the same special callsign **TM5I**, for the **2nd European Castles Day**, from the **Oisellerie Castle** (JN05BN). Look for them on CW/SSB, 80-10 meters and on 2 meters (144.316 MHz). QSL via F5PTI, either direct or via the French REF Bureau.

SPECIAL EVENT. Look for the special event callsign **VC3RCS** to be active between **June 1-30th** to celebrate the **100th anniversary of the formation of the Royal Canadian Signals Corps**. QSL via the operator's instructions.

SPECIAL EVENT. The special callsign **W2H** continues to be active **until May 15th**. Activity is for the anniversary of the **crash of the Airship Hindenburg**. This is the **66th anniversary**. Operations, hopefully, will take place each year using the same callsign. They plan to be active on as many bands as possible. QSL only direct to W2CE (no bureau cards).

TA, TURKEY. Andy, G3AB (ex-G4ZVJ), will be active as **TA3/G3AB** in the **CQ WPX CW Contest** as a Single-Op (possibly Single Band) entry. QSL via G3AB.

TO5, MARTINIQUE. Jack, RW3QC, will be active as **TO5AA**, in the **CQWW WPX CW Contest** (**May 24-25th**) as an All Band/High Power entry. Activity will be from FM5BH's QTH. The QSL Manager has not been chosen yet.

V63, MICRONESIA. Operators Funaki/JA7ZP, Takao/JA7AGO and Sho/VA7HMZ will be active from **Pohnpei** (**OC-010**) **May 12-15th** as **V63ZP**, **V63GO** and **V63DX** respectively. Activity will be on 40-10 meters CW/SSB. QSL via their home callsign (Bureau OK).

VI8, AUSTRALIA (Special Event). The Darwin Amateur Radio Club of the Northern Territory, Australia, will be operating a special event station with the callsign of -- **VI8NT** -- to celebrate **25 years of self government**. The station will be opened officially on the **1st of July 2003** (Northern Territory Day) and run **until the 31st December 2003**. This special Amateur Radio callsign -- VI8NT -- is allowed to be used by any licenced VK8 Amateur. Only one Amateur will hold the callsign at any one time, meaning only one station on air at a time. They have many VK8's who are interested in operating one week periods on all bands and modes and the Darwin Amateur Radio Club will partake in all major contests with this special callsign. A special QSL card is being made up by the QSL Manager Neil, VK6NE. All QSLs will be

accepted directly or via the Bureau.

VP2, MONTSERRAT. Three members of the Florida DXpedition Group are on the "Road Again"! Operators Bill W4WX/**VP2MHX**, William/N2WB and Bob/K9MDO (both waiting on VP2M callsign) will be here **July 22-29th**. They will have three Kenwood TS-570D stations and will be active on most bands and modes. This is a "Little warm up for the upcoming San Andres trip in October". QSL via their homecalls, CBA. N2WB via QSL Manager N2OO.

VP9, BERMUDA. Merv, N6NO, will be active as **N6NO/VP9** from **May 14-21st**. His activity will be on 80-10 meters, possibly 160, with a 100w and a focus on CW. His operating times will favor the difficult Asia/Oceania path. QSL via N6NO.

VQ9, CHAGOS ISLAND. Larry, **VQ9LA**, has been very active on 20 meters RTTY. Watch around 14083-14090 kHz beginning around 2200z. Larry will be there for **about a year**.

XU, CAMBODIA. Jaak, ES1FB, informs OPDX that he will once again return to **Shianoukville**, and operate as **XU7ACE** for about **10 days** starting **May 11th**. Activity will be on 40-6 meters, mostly SSB. He plans to activate IOTA **AS-133** on **May 17-18th**, but this depends on the weather condition (It is the rainy season now...). QSL via his home callsign, ES1FB, either by the CBA or by the bureau (but this will take more time). ADDED NOTE: Previous XU7ACE bureau cards are answered about 70%, direct cards on a weekly basis..

XW, LAOS. Champ, E21EIC, will be back in Laos around **June 3-23rd** and will be active as **XW1IC**. His activity will be on 160-10 meters, including the WARC bands using only 100 watts. He states the modes he will use are CW/SSB/RTTY and 2 meter FM (Maybe 6 meters if possible). Champ will also be active in the **All Asian DX Contest** as a Single-Op/All Band/Low Power entry. QSL via E21EIC.

YO, ROMANIA (ed. I don't mean YAO!). Jean-Michel, F6AJA, will once again be **YO/F6AJA** (10th year consecutively) from Suceava (450Km north of Bucarest) from **May 19-28th**. He will be on the air when time permit from the Silviu station YO8FZ.

YV4, VENEZUELA. Dario, **YV4GMG**, in Santa Cruz, informs OPDX that he is active on 160 meters and 6 meters (on 50110 kHz), as well as 20/15/10 meters. On HF, he can also be active on PSK31/SSTV/RTTY/MMT63/AMTOR. QSL via his home callsign. Also, active from the same station is Hector/YV4GMH and Maria/YV4GMB.

Z38, MACEDONIA. Lothar/DJ7ZG and Babs/DL7AFS will once again be on tour. This time they will be active from here using the callsign **Z38Z**. They hope to be active starting on **May 15th for about 10 days**. Activity will be on 160-6 meters, mainly on RTTY, PSK and SSB. They will travel through the country to reach Z3-land. They ask you to cross your fingers that the ride will be without problems. Lot informs/states to OPDX, "Due to the request of many Hams from America and Japan we want to work these countries particularly." QSL via DL7AFS. Their homepage and online log will be at: http://www.qsl.net/dl7afs/

ZF, CAYMAN ISLANDS. The team of John/K6AM, Ned/AA7A, Lee/KY7M and Bud/N7CW will activate **ZF1A** (IOTA **NA-016**) in the **2003 CW WPX Contest**. This will be a multi-single operation with limited operation before and after the contest. Please QSL via W5ASP.

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